# President of New York Club Sees Big Things Ahead for Baseball in General and His Team in Particular

## RUPPERT OPTIMISTIC IN BASEBALL VIEWS

Predicts Great Year for Major Leagues and His Own Club in Particular.

1919 YANKEES LOOM UP

Magnate Says Recent Deals Round Team Into Pennant Contender.

By COL. JACOB RUPPERT, President New York Americans.

It is my opinion the new year opens eith a bright outlook for baseball, an autlook more promising in every respect than any previous year since I have been identified with the game as a club

It is fresh in the minds of all of us that the sport just was emerging from the adverse conditions created by the Federal League episode and was regaining its hold on public favor with every ation of entering upon an era of enprecedented popularity and prosperity antrecedented popularity and prosperity at the time when our country entered the world war. Baseball along with many other lines of our accustomed ac-uvities then had to shoulder its share responsibilities and make its sacri

of responsibilities and make its sacri-fices, which it did cheerfully.

Up to the time of the signing of the armistice terms, only a few weeks ago, it would have been difficult to make a prediction as to the future of the game. Almost over night the situation changed. ro-day public interest in the great game a keenly awake.

It is evident on all hands that the

fans eagerly are following the news of the reconstruction of the several clubs and enthusiastically are welcoming the dvent of another season under peace

It is to meet the expectations of this

my wish and purpose to give the American League a winning club in New York; services of Mr. Huggins, in whose band-ball knowledge, sound judgment and managerial ability I have the utmost club.

### Has Faith in Huggins.

In facing the problems of rounding t and strengthening the club it is

club's pitching staff and outfield radi-cally would have to be reconstructed. The purchase of Pitcher Pete Schneider

were saided to the Yankees' staff
Will Shawkey, Mogridge and Thormahlen they will give the club a formidable array of pitching talent and
insure a degree of dependability which
heretofore was missing in the club's
pitching department. By the acquisition of Lewis the acts. pitching department. By the acquisition of Lewis the club secures the services of one of the most brilliant outfielders in the game who also is a heavy batsman, and therefore will arrove a valuable asset to both the defensive and offensive strength of the lith.

It wood, McGraw, Vick and Shawkey, It wood, McGraw, Vick and Shawkey. It wood, McGraw, McGr

## Another Outfielder Coming.

Part Owner of Yankees and Some of the Players Who Joined the National Service



ROBERT SHAWKEY

DONNED UNIFORMS

Led by Lieut.-Col. Huston They Made Splendid Record in the Service.

SOME BACK IN MUFTI

"Well, I am glad so many of our boys reawakened interest that I am more "Well, I am glad so many of our boys than anxious to present to the New York did their duty," said Lieut.-Col. Tikingpublic a club that will need no spologies hast L. Huston, half owner of the Yanfrem loyal Yankee supporters.

I feel I am warranted in taking an eptimistic view of the club's prospects week. "I guess the Yankees had a fer the approaching season. It has been pretty presentable service flag."

Without including members of the clerical and business staff, the Yankees commensurate with our city's im-tance in the circuit. With this end had thirteen men in uniform, headed by yiew we secured as manager the Lieut.-Col. Huston of the Sixteenth En-

While none of the Yankee players in service received commissions, most of them climbed quickly to the top of the non-commissioned officer grade. Walter Manager Huggina's intention to obtain Pipp, the first baseman, was in line for these essential results by building on the foundation of made players. I am giving him a free hand to proceed along was taking up a special course at the these lines.

It was apparent at the close of last

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ray Fisher, pitcher, who received his

sergeant's stripes last aummer at Fort

clubs pitching staff and outfield radi
solutions of the reconstructed.

## Got Their Stripes.

The purchase of Pitcher Pete Schneider from Cincinnati early in December was the first move Manager Huggins made toward the accomplishment of this objective. It soon was followed by the deal with the Boston American League slub whereby for Caldwell, Love, Walters and Gilhouley New York secured lacebard Store and Lewis.

By these two moves three veteran pickers school and Shore, were added to the Yankees' staff With Shawkey, Mogridge and Thormahlen they will give the club a formitable array of pitching talent and shore were privates when last heard from were privates when last heard from were pitchers Bob McGraw and Aleck Ferguages and Infelder Aaron Ward.

was reported that Smallwood was se-verely wounded, but in a recent letter which the Yankees received from the

# MIDSHIPMEN BEAT

34 TH DIVISION, A.E.F.

# PARSON CHOSEN TO

PORT SLOCUM ~

# SPOTTS HIGH GUN AT TRAVERS ISLAND

Former Champion Breaks 91 More Than Five Million Tarof 100 Targets in New York

A. C. Shoot.

R. L. Spotts, the former national

The winners in the Accumulation cuprace, which also carries the legs on the Red Cross cup were W. G. Allen, W. B. Ogden, Z. Rogers, A. C. Ayres, M. Murphy, F. J. Ham, T. H. Lawrence, W. R. Delehanty, G. H. Martin, O. C. Seebass, E. D. Anderson, G. S. McCutcheon, H. B. Dr. Schurman Will Not Insist Reece and J. C. Taylor. The Travers Island cup was taken by F. J. Ham.

on Ending Intercollegiate

Athletics This Year.

demand that a crew be turned out this year and have already pledged a con-siderable sum of money toward that end. A novel feature that came to light to-day was the strong support of women students who promise to buy

GEORGIA TECH AGAIN ON PITT SCHEDULE Panthers Leave Room for

Penn on Card.

a large number of season tickets.

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Travers Island cup—F. J. Ham.
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Club cup—Logs scored by H. C. Vogel, M. McVoy, C. A. Brown, R. L. Spotts, G. S. McCutcheon, J. C. Taylor, J. G. Bowers
Accumulation and Red Cross cups—Logs
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McCutcheon, H. G. Reece, J. C. Taylor,
High scratch prize—R. L. Spotts
High handicap prize—W. S. McCutcheon.

BREAKS 139 "BIRDS." PRIVISIONS, Jan 4.—The University of Mrs. Lane High Gunner in Pine-

versity of Pennsylvania. Georgia Tech. which played to a record breaking crowd in Pittsburg for the War Charities Fund this past season, will come to the Steel City to meet the Panthers on either Outober 18 or 25, depending on the date of the proposed game with Pennsylvania at Frankin Fleid. The schedule follows:

October 4, Geneva College at Beaver Pails, Pa.; October 17, West Virginia University at Pittsburg: October 18. Pittsburg's football card is complete, with the exception of one date in Octo-

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## TRAPSHOOTERS HAD BIG YEAR IN 1918

gets Thrown in Interstate Association Events.

HIGH WIND INTERFERES STAGE 365 TOURNAMENTS

All things considered, trapshooting had champion, with a card of 91 out a big year. There were not as many of a possible 100 targets, was high targets thrown as in some other years. scratch gunner at the first year's shoot not as many shoots were held, but that

scratch gunner at the first year's shoot of the New York A. C. at Travers Island yesterday. The high handicap gunner was G. L. McCutcheon, who won out on a shootoff.

The doing away with the preference gained by straight rurs cut very little ice yesterday. The conditions were so difficult that not a single nimrod ranstraight. Not only was it bitterly cold on the string line but a high wind whirled the blue rocks all over the waters of the Sound, making it almost impossible for the gunners to hit the tiny targets.

Legs therefore were taken by the nimrods who had the full totals.

In the shoot for the Hashin cup they proved to be W. C. Allen, W. B. Ogden, F. J. Harn, M. McVoy, W. R. Delebanty, O. C. Seebass and G. S. McCutcheon. Eight gunners several legs on the club cup. They were H. G. Vogel, M. McVoy, C. A. Brown, R. L. Spotte, E. D. Anderson, G. S. McCutcheon. Eight gunners several legs on the club cup. They were H. G. Vogel, M. McVoy, C. A. Brown, R. L. Spotte, E. D. Anderson, G. S. McCutcheon in the Accumulation cup race, which also carries the legs on the Red Croos cup were W. G. Allen, W. B. T.057 Contestants.

The number of contestants in the reg-istered tournaments was 7.057, averag-ing forty-six amateurs and six profes-sionals. State championship tournaments were held in forty-five States. Ten tournaments were held in Canada. The numnaments were held in Canada. The num-ber of entrants in the Grand American Handicap was 620. The largest special shoot was the Westy Hogans, with 314 entrants. The largest resort shoot was the one at Pinehurst, with 114 shooters. More targets were trapped in Pennsylvania than in any other State-578,930 vania than in any other State—578,930. Pennsylvania also had the greatest State shoot with 201 residents and a total entry of 231. Kentucky had the greatest number of non-residents in the State, with 51. New Jersey averaged 95 amateurs in its shoots and North Carolina averaged 14 professionals, Iowa led in a number of shoots held, with 51. Illinois collected the most money from the Inter state Trapshooting Association to con duct its shoots getting \$3,000.

Nebraska formed the greatest number of gun clubs, 4. In the State championship events two perfect scores were made by amateurs: Biair, in California.

and Osborne, in Massachusetts, and by two professionals. Lewis, in Illinois, and Hawkins, in Pennsylvania.

### Troch's Great Shooting.

Frank Troch of Vancouver, Wish , stands out as prominent in the frap-25 99 encoting firmament in the trap-12 99 the hand of a riveter. Every place you 13 90 look Troeh has been there and cashed 10 15 lin with his \$15 gun.

He started by winning the champion-ship of Washington, then annexed the doubles championship of the United States, then the doubles championship of Canada, the international doubles cham-plorship, tied for the international sin-gles championship, won the amateur and gles championship, won the amateur and open all around championships of the United States, was second in the Chicago Overture, tied for high average in the Grand American roummanent, and was high average amateur of the year with 6.665 breaks in 6,845 targets shot at, a mark of 2122. He evened the country three times to take in the shoots, traveling more than 24,000 miles.

Homer Clark of Alton. III. won the professional changionality, music the longest run of the year for a professional 247, and was high average pro-